## Tennessee House Bill No. 506 (Keeble, 1873 – Laborers/wages)

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An Act to protect laborers and to Secure their wages—

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee—

- **Sec. 1**. That hereafter in all cases where any person or persons are hired or employed as common laborers on farms and plantations, either by the month or year and either upon the shares, or agreed and stipulated wages per month or year, should such person or persons be wrongfully and unjustly, and without valid and sufficient cause or provication [sic] discharged or driven off from said farm by the person having hired or employed such laborer, then and in such case or event, the said laborer shall have a lien upon the entire crop grown on said farm for such length of time he was employed, to secure his wages under the contract—
- **Sec. 2**. Be it further enacted, that in order to carry out in good faith the provisions of the first section of this act, Said person or laborer shall have all the remedies both in law and equity, that is [sic] now given in cases of debt in other civil causes—
- **Sec. 3**. Be it further enacted, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, wellfare [*sic*] of the State demanding it—